



VOLUME XVI.

OREGON, MISSOURI, FRIDAY, MAY 13, 1881.

NUMBER 48

HOME NEWS

A new town will be laid out on the side of the bluffs adjoining Craig.

Rev. Mr. Miller will preach in Oregon next Sabbath morning and evening.

Mrs. C. A. Doughty is visiting the family of Neal Hoblitzell.

James Redwine of Wisconsin has located on the J. H. Jamison farm, one and a half miles southwest of Oregon.

Cave J. Hunt of Craig spent Sunday with friends in Oregon. He says never in the history of Craig has there been so much house scrubbing.

Rev. S. Carothers will preach next Sabbath at Trumpp school house in the forenoon at eleven o'clock, and in the M. E. church in Oregon at night.

Rev. J. W. Kinzer will preach next Sabbath at Richville in the forenoon and at Pierce school house at half past three o'clock in the afternoon.

S. D. Mickey of Mound City was last Monday adjudged insane by Judge Russell and sent to the Lunatic Asylum at St. Joseph.

Charles Mosier of Forest City left last Tuesday for California, to which State he removes on account of his health. He is a good man and we are sorry to lose him.

Messrs. Fenner & McDonald, Bankers of Forest City, will shortly remove to Kansas City. The Bank in Forest City will be continued by George Weber, cashier, and H. K. S. Robinson, teller.

Rev. G. A. McKinlay has accepted the pastoral charge of the Presbyterian church, at Gallatin, Mo., and left for that place on Tuesday. He is a gifted and eloquent divine, whom we are sorry to have leave us. The best wishes of our people accompany him.

Leigh Irvine and Sam O'Fallon have formed a co-partnership and entered upon the practice of law in this city. They are young men of excellent character, considerable ability, and untiring industry. They have our hearty wishes for success.

Col. Freeman Libby of Maitland, the most noted breeder of fine horses in Northwest Missouri, gave us a call last Friday. Owners of good stock will find it to their interest to read the advertisement of his fine horse, in another column.

On Saturday, May 21st, a picnic will be held at the Culp's Grove on the occasion of the closing of W. R. Hoffman's school. Revs. Maupin, Lukens, and Caruthers, Messrs L. H. Irvine, O. C. Hill and S. O'Fallon will attend the people.

One set of large type edition of Universal Knowledge, and one set of small type edition of same, for sale by the editor of this paper at considerably less than usual price. The whole of the small type edition (fifteen volumes) is ready for delivery; and seven volumes of the large type edition have been received and the remaining volumes will be supplied as soon as printed. Persons who intend to buy either of the above Cyclopaedias can save two or three dollars by availing themselves of this opportunity.

Kill the cats! This is the season of the year when the feline mother regales her brood on spring chickens. One family of cats will eat more chickens than a dozen hens can hatch. The town is over run with these prowlers and night is made hideous by their amorous howls. Let the city council offer a reward for cat scalps, just as the county court does for gopher scalps; and let every citizen—male and female, old and young—resolve that he or she will kill at least one cat every day. By this means the nuisance will be abated, and peace and quiet will once more reign within our borders. Kill the cats!

The following is the "Umbrella Flirtation," and may be of benefit to some of our citizens: To place your umbrella in a rack indicates that it is about to change owners. An umbrella carried over the woman, the man getting nothing but the drippings of the rain, signifies courtship. When the man has the umbrella and the woman the drippings, it indicates marriage. To carry it at right angles under the arm signifies that an eye is to be lost by the man who follows you. To put a cotton umbrella by the side of nice silk one signifies, "exchange is no robbery." To carry an umbrella just high enough to tear out men's eyes and knock off men's hats signifies "I'm a woman."

—Look out for mad dogs. Several demented canines have been slain in different portions of the State.

—There have been many harrowing scenes in this county during the past two or three weeks.

—Cerebro spinal meningitis is prevailing to an alarming extent in many towns in this State. It has not yet made its appearance in Oregon.

—The man who pays cash for whiskey and gets credit for groceries won't find a committee of welcome waiting for him at the celestial gate.

—Kansas City suffered more severely from the high waters than any other place on the upper Missouri. The loss of property there amounts to fully half a million dollars.

—Mosquitos as big as bumble bees have already made their appearance in the bottom between Forest City and Bigelow. The inhabitants are preparing to net them, like quails.

—Scientific experiments have proved, that a boy will dig up a garden patch three times as quick when hunting for fishing worms, as he will when he goes at it with the understanding that he is to spade it up for garden purposes.

—Oregon ought to be named the "Orchard City." Almost every dwelling is surrounded by fruit trees, and, now that they are in bloom, the effect is extremely fine. The city presents the appearance of a vast orchard, dotted with cozy dwellings.

—Beware of mingling intimately with those whose chief topic of conversation is the downfall and imprudence of others. Such persons are dangerous companions, especially to the young, whose tastes are formed and matured by those with whom they are most closely associated.

—The seedling of spring wheat is now about completed and we learn that the average is considerably greater than last year. This is largely owing to the fact that winter wheat was badly injured by the late spring frosts, though we learn that in some localities—especially near New Point and Fillmore—the winter wheat is looking first rate.

—The chief features of the "Track Bill" recently passed by the legislature are contained in the first section as follows: It shall not be lawful for any person, firm or corporation in this State to issue, pay out or circulate for payment of the wages of labor any order note, check, memorandum, token, evidence of indebtedness or other obligation unless the same is negotiable and redeemable at its face value without discount at any store or other place of business of such person, firm or corporation where goods, wares or merchandise are kept for sale, sold or exchanged; and the person, firm or corporation issuing any such order, note, check, memorandum or other obligation of indebtedness shall redeem the same in goods, wares or merchandise at the lowest market value or in good and lawful money of the United States, as may be demanded by the holder of any such order, note, check, memorandum, token, evidence of indebtedness or other obligation.

—Speaking of the new dog law, the St. Louis Chronicle says: The money collected from dog owners will be held in the county treasury of each county, or in township treasury where there are township organizations, as a fund from which to make good to sheep owners their losses from the depredations of dogs. Should the dogs of any county fail to destroy enough sheep to absorb the fund collected annually, the surplus will be paid into the public school fund of the county. This feature of poll tax is for the support of schools in counties where dogs are plenty and sheep are scarce—counties which are invariably those in which the necessity for schools is greatest. Many large dog proprietors are destitute of taxable property, and a dog owner will add largely to the school revenues. There are no data for estimating the number of dogs in the State and the probable future cost of securing their existence. According to the Auditor's report the number of sheep is 1,436,000, valued at about \$1 per head. Assuming one dog to every ten sheep, which is about one to every fifteen of population—certainly not an exaggerated estimate when the insuperable proclivity to dogs in certain sections is remembered—the sheep insurance fund will amount annually to some \$200,000. This is a large sum, and unless the affections of dog owners are abnormally strong there will be many canine lives sacrificed to their cupidity—a consummation not incompatible with a more thrifty agriculture.

—John Stokes, the lawyer, has gone into the hotel business at Craig.

—The Bee Keepers of Holt county say that the past winter was the most destructive to bees of any they have ever known. A similar report comes from other localities in Northwest Missouri. J. H. Rhodes of Atchison county had 107 stands, out of which he lost all but eleven.

—An exchange truthfully says: No man should deprive his wife and family of a good local paper. They do not get out from home to learn the news as does the father and husband, and the paper serves to relieve the otherwise lonely hours in his absence. It is the worst possible economy to deprive the family of a pleasure so easily and cheaply obtained.

—One man out of every ten accuses newspapers at large of publishing lies. A great many publish lies and fatten on them. But if a reliable newspaper were to publish one-half the truth it knows about the citizens of a town then the case would be reversed and nine men out of every ten, instead of one out of every ten, would be damning newspapers up hill and down dale for publishing the naked truth.

—Never in the history of Oregon have epidemics prevailed here, but we are liable to something of the kind this year unless proper preventives are taken. Malaria in the bottoms will be thick enough to cut with a knife and the valleys running up from the river will be like funnels to conduct the poisonous atmosphere. All rubbish should be cleaned up and burned; alleys should be cleaned; out houses of every description should be disinfected. For the latter purpose carbolic acid, plentifully sprinkled, is excellent; but dry earth is just as good and costs nothing. Let dust from the street be collected and spread to the depth of one or two inches wherever there is any bad odor and it will absorb every particle of the poisons and make the places pure and sweet.

—Here are the predictions of Vennor and Tice for the remainder of May: Vennor says we will experience a heated term after May 10th, and after the 15th brush fires will probably break out in certain districts, although thunder storms are also probable on the 13th and 14th. Between the 20th and 25th there will probably be cloudy weather with rains, and vegetation will have advanced considerably by the 25th. Between the 26th and 28th the weather will be cool. The month will end hot and sultry. Tice says 12th to 15th clouding, threatening weather, and probably heavy storms; 16th and 17th clear, with liability to frosts; 18th to 21st clouding, threatening weather, and local rains; 22nd and 23rd clear or fair; 24th to 27th clouding, threatening weather, with heavy local rains if not storms; 27th and 28th clear or fair; 29th to 31st clouding, threatening weather, with heavy rains and severe storms in places.

—The Stanberry News says: Two weeks ago we gave notice through the News columns that a number of slick swindlers were traveling through the country swindling the farmers by claiming to be selling groceries, etc., at wholesale and deliver to the farmer direct. They get the victim to sign a contract to take the goods, and by a nice process change the contract to a note for any amount they may wish to, after it is in their possession. We are informed by marshal Meeks that three men came to this city last Monday who are operating in this very business and they are the country somewhere in this vicinity now at work. Those who take and read the News will be posted in the matter and there is not much danger of them being taken in by the confidence men, but it is those who take no county paper that these fellows like to meet. Some men who either take no paper at all or who only take a city paper, and is not posted in local dodges and things, is generally the one selected by these sharpers. They are slick talkers, these chaps, and will tell you as nice and smooth a story as you may wish to hear. They take a great interest in you, and, if you will allow them to do so, will make you believe that they are patterns of honesty and seek only after your welfare; but their friendship only lasts until they have got your signature which is their object from the first. Better goods can be bought on better terms of home dealers, even if these men should deliver. They will not work for nothing, you may be sure of that, and these are "something rotten in Denmark" even if they do not make a note to your signature.

—The Rock Port papers of last week were almost entirely devoted to high water items. Two of them had to issue half sheets. The damage to that county is enormous.

—With the exception of about a quarter of a mile by Col. Thompson's, the railroad track is entirely destroyed from Hamburg down as far as Bigelow. It will cost the railroad company near the first cost of the road to repair it.

—Now that the waters have receded, it is a good time to buy a boat very cheap. Yet, if the prophets are to be believed, it will not be more than five weeks before we have higher water than that which has just left us. Look out for the June rise!

—The Rock Port Mail of last week says: A very sad incident of the overflow occurred on Monday. A Mr. Johnson and family were driven from their home by the rise and took refuge with the family of Mr. S. O. Clanton. Here they were again surrounded with water, Mrs. Johnson in the meantime having become a mother. The babe died on Monday morning and was brought from the house in a skiff and buried in this city. The mother was too ill to be moved and is still very sick. She is in the second story and in no danger of being injured by the overflow.

—Few persons are aware of the heavy penalty attached to the offense of making use of a postage stamp after it has been canceled. The general impression is that if an old stamp is placed on a letter and the thing sticks, and the postmaster happens to detect it, the letter is thrown aside as though it had no stamp on it; but this is not all. The writer of the letter is liable to fine and imprisonment for violating the postal law. A case of this kind was tried before Judge Treat in St. Louis, last week. Danforth Levering was proved to have attached a canceled stamp to a letter mailed by him on the 4th inst., at Ionia, Ste. Genevieve county, and addressed to L. A. Michels, Flora, Ill. The Judge fined Levering \$1 and sentenced him to six months' imprisonment in the City Jail.

—The May number of the Domestic Monthly runs over with attractive information concerning the new styles of dress for Spring and summer, and in addition to hints on wraps gives many novel suggestions appropriate to summer weddings. The reign of cotton is dwelt upon, and toilettes made of this material, now extremely fashionable, are fully described. The new Spanish and black costumes are also mentioned in this number, while the best mode of making plain dresses is not overlooked in the press of more showy fashions. There are many illustrations and descriptions in the children's department of the Monthly for May, and the article on designs for dresses is accompanied by hints on the combinations of colors, the use of trimmings, and a special mention of the materials now popular for children.

The Domestic Monthly is published by Blake & Co., corner Broadway & Fourteenth Street, New York, at \$1.00 per year, inclusive of pattern premium. Single copies, 15 cents.

—The sooner some kind of conventional postal currency in fractions of a dollar is created, the better. Business men and others have been daily annoyed long enough by the lack of something to take the place of the whole ten, twenty-five and fifty cent silver-plasters which used to be found so handy for sending off in letters when the writer desired to make a cheap purchase, etc., at a distance. Not much time, trouble, labor, or expense, would be involved in the production of a postal currency, and it is the duty of the government to furnish it without further dilly-dallying. In regard to what should be the size of such a currency, and how it should be redeemed, a correspondent of the New York Tribune makes some original suggestions. He says that it should be printed in three denominations of 50 cents, 25 cents and 10 cents, and that all the denominations should be of one size, which should be small enough to go into an average pocket-book, or letter without folding. They should be sold at all United States postoffices, guaranteed redeemable, cent for cent, in United States postage stamps, stamped envelopes, cards or other devices, for using for mailing carriage or for mailing issued by the United States, of whatever denomination, at any time and at any United States postoffice, for further use. Substitute fractional silver for the postage truck with which it is proposed to redeem notes, and the scheme would be a good one.

—If you want your son to become a minister, advise him to become a pirate, a hotel clerk, or an Indian fighter.

—Trains are now running regularly between St. Joseph, Bigelow and Maitland, and the work of repairing the main line to Council Bluffs is being rapidly pushed. It is expected, however, that it will be at least three weeks before all trains commence running over the whole road as they did before the flood.

—What is a lawful fence? The statute is as follows: "All fences shall be at least four feet high, and all fences composed of posts and rails, posts and palings, posts and wire, posts and planks or palisades, shall be at least four and a half feet high; those composed of turf shall be at least four feet high, and with ditches on either side at least three feet wide at the top, and three feet deep; and what is commonly called a worm fence, shall be at least five feet high to the top of the rider, or if not ridered, shall be five feet to the top of the top rail or pole, and shall be locked with strong rails, poles or stakes; those composed of stone or brick shall be at least four and a half feet high."

—The supreme court has sustained the decision of the lower court in the Talbot case and granted a stay of execution until the 24th of June. The readers of THE OREGONIAN will remember that the case went through the Nodaway county circuit court and the verdict of guilty was returned by the jury. The attorney for the defendant, after filing eleven reasons why the verdict was an unjust one, which were overruled by Judge Howell, took the case up to the supreme court with the hope of obtaining a new trial. The arguments were delivered about ten days ago, but late Saturday evening, the decision was affirmed. It is believed by every one who is acquainted with the nature of the case, that the boys are guilty of the damnable deed with which they are charged, and deserve the fate which now awaits them. There is only one hope left them—the leniency of the Governor.

—The laws passed by the legislature for the suppression of gambling are creating considerable commotion among those who make a study of the doctrine of chances. There are two of the laws, one making it a felony to keep any table or device for gambling, and providing that the offense shall be punished by imprisonment in the penitentiary, and the other declaring it a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment in the county jail, for the owner or occupant of any building to allow any table, bank or other gambling device to be set up on the premises owned or occupied by him. It is generally conceded that it will be impossible to evade these laws and the gambling fraternity are making preparations to emigrate. In the southern part of the State, in the mining regions, it is reported that a number of houses are being erected of which one half is to be in the State and contain a bar, and the other half in Kansas and to be occupied by gambling outfits, thus at one stroke beating both the Kansas prohibition law and the Missouri gambling laws. The latter are understood to reach the species of gambling usually indulged in at agricultural fairs and also church fair lotteries and grab bags.

Appleton's Cyclopaedia For Sale.
I have a set of the old edition of Appleton's Cyclopaedia, consisting of sixteen volumes which comprise the Cyclopaedia and eight Annuals, all bound in Library Case and in excellent condition, which I will sell for one-fourth the original cost. Call at my office and examine them. W. W. DAVENPORT.

Who Wants Money?

I have at my disposal a sum of money, to be loaned on real estate security in Holt county. Will be loaned in amounts from One Hundred to Three Thousand Dollars, at Ten per cent, payable annually, and no commissions. Long loans preferred (three or five years,) but will loan for a shorter time if desired. As this is "Home Money," borrower will experience no delay and no trouble of any kind; and home money at "straight" Ten per cent, is cheaper than foreign money at "crooked" eight per cent, where the borrower has to pay big commissions to an agent and big fees for preparing a large mass of papers. For further information apply to

W. W. DAVENPORT,
Oregon, Mo.

—Miss Nettie Gardner left yesterday for Colorado to spend the summer visiting her sister, Mrs. Dobbins.

—Robert Montgomery and family will leave next week for a two months jaunt to Niagara Falls and other summer resorts.

—We regret to announce the death of Mrs. C. K. Cersant, which occurred at her home in Mound City, Tuesday last.

S. F. O'FALLON. LEIGH IRVINE.
O'FALLON & IRVINE,
Attorneys at Law,
OREGON, MISSOURI.
Will practice in all courts of Missouri. Collections, and all manner of legal business will receive our prompt attention.
For Office north side of Court House, over Dime's Drug Store.

GREAT BARGAINS IN PIANOS ORGAN

Wholesale or Retail.

The large store room of T. J. Washburn, Fifth and Francis streets, is packed full of the finest grades of Pianos and Organs, which he is selling extremely low for cash or monthly payments. He is agent for Steinway Pianos and Estey Organs—the leading instruments of the world, and all varieties of cheaper grades. All goods as represented and will duplicate the prices of any dealer in the country. The most complete stock of Accordeons, Harmonicas, Guitars, Banjos, Viols, Organettes, Sheet Music, Books &c., to be had in the city. All are cordially invited to call on or address T. J. Washburn, corner Fifth and Francis streets, St. Joseph, Missouri.

TOWNSEND WYATT & Co

Are daily receiving their

SPRING STOCK.

Have opened in Colored and Black

SILKS,

Brocaded and Plain.

Novelties in Dress Goods.

New Dress Plaids.

An Elegant

Line of Trimmings,

Such as

Fringes,

Tassels,

Passimentries,

Cords and Balls, in all Shades.

NECKWEAR

In Love's Designs.

In our new location we have double the room and light, and our stock will be found much larger.

TOWNSEND, WYATT & CO.,

S. W. Cor. 4th & Felix Sts.,

ST. JOSEPH, MO.

Our

New Style in Spring Dress Goods has arrived. Call and see them. Mershberger & Anderson.

LADIES:

Get your flower plants, Roses, Lilies, Gladiolas, Tube Roses, extra choice Pansy Seed, or anything wanted in this line of J. N. Menifree or at his depositories, Postoffice, Forest City or at Ira Peter's, Oregon, Mo.

Farm for Sale.

I will sell my farm 1-1/4 miles north of New Point, containing some 228 acres in cultivation and grass; a young orchard of some 100 bearing trees. There are three wells, one cistern, and running water, with plenty of timber for fire wood. A good dwelling with five rooms. For terms apply to

PETER FAIRCE.

W. W. DAVENPORT,
Oregon, Mo.

W. W. DAVENPORT,
Oregon, Mo.

Cheap Reading Matter.

In this age of increasing intelligence, books are as essential as bread to the existence and comfort of most men and women. Formerly only the wealthy could afford well-filled book shelves in their houses, but the recent Literary Revolution, started by the American Book Exchange, has so reduced the price of good books, that every man, woman, and child can afford to buy.

The following is a partial list of the books published by the American Book Exchange, most of which can be found for sale at the editorial room of THE OREGONIAN. Any book on the list which may happen to not be on hand will be promptly ordered. All the books are elegantly bound in handsome and durable cloth covering. The following are the books and prices:

Library of Universal Knowledge	large type, 15 vols.....	\$18.00
Library of History.		
Milman's Gibbon's Rome 5 vols.....		2.40
Macaulay's England, 3 vols.....		1.50
Rollin's Ancient History, 2 vols.....		2.20
Creasy's Fifteen Decisive Battles of the World.....		.40
Froissart's Chronicles, Imperial octavo, 150 illustrations.....		1.85
Green's Larger History of the English People, 2 vols., cloth.....		1.15
Acme Library of Fiction.		
Carlyle.....		.40
Tom Brown at Rugby.....		.35
George Eliot's Romola.....		.40
Don Quixote.....		.50
Ivings's Knickerbocker.....		.35
Charlotte Bronte's Jane Eyre.....		.40
The Works of Great Poets.		
Shakespeare, 3 vols.....		1.80
Milton's Poetical Works.....		.50
Dante, translated by Cary.....		.25
Virgil, translated by Dryden.....		.35
Pope's Homer's Iliad, cloth.....		.35
Pope's Homer's Odyssey.....		.35
Edwin Arnold's Light of Asia.....		.50
Mrs. Hemans's Poetical Works large octavo.....		.75
M'Farland, an epic poem, by Trumbull.....		.50
Library of Biography.		
Reminiscence of Thos. Carlyle Acme Biography—1st series, 12 standard biographies by great authors, bound in 1 vol.....		.60
Acme Biography—2d series, Lives of Chaucer, Spenser, Milton, Cowper and Southey 5 books in 1 vol.....		.50
Acme Biography—3d series, Lives of Defoe, Johnson, Goldsmith, Scott, and Thackeray 1 v. Plutarch's Lives, 1 vol.....		.70
Religious Literature.		
Young's Bible Concordance 1 vol quarto.....		2.40
Geddes's Life of Christ.....		.60
Smith's Bible Dictionary.....		2.35
Kitto's Cyclopaedia of Biblical Literature, 2 vols., illustrated, Works of Flavius Josephus, 1 vol. quarto.....		1.90
Plutarch's Lives, complete.....		.70
Pictorial Handy Lexicon, containing definitions of 25,000 words and 250 engravings.....		.25

For Sale.

I offer for sale at a bargain, the following described property:

Brick Store house in Forest City. Stock of Dry Goods and Groceries in Forest City.

One large dwelling in Forest City. Two small dwellings in Forest City. One small dwelling in Craig.

Livery stable and complete outfit in Forest City.

80 acres of land in the W. half of the southwest or sec 26, tp 61, range 40. On this land there is a house, small bearing orchard, good water and nearly all in cultivation; soil sandy loam. Possession given at once.

160 acres in the SW of 17, 61, 39. 110 acres in SW 17, 60, 38. This land is a bargain, as there are two small houses, two large orchards, of bearing trees, timber sufficient for fencing. Three miles from Forest City on good road. It is also supplied with good water.

48 acres in S half N W 14 of 26, 60, 39 and 40, as shown on county atlas. Satisfactory reasons given for selling.

Will warrant title to all the above property.

R. P. Zook, Forest City, Mo.

MILLINERY

AND

DRESS-MAKING

IN

Forest City, Mo

Mrs. O. D. and Miss Alice Chadwick respectfully inform the ladies of Forest City and vicinity that they have opened a Millinery and Dress-Making Establishment in that place and will keep in store a full stock of the latest styles of goods, and will do all work in their lines in the best manner and at the lowest prices.

Will also be prepared to furnish BUTTERICK'S PATTERNS promptly.

A share of public patronage is respectfully solicited. Ladies are respectfully invited to call and examine goods.